

Weller	Wilson (NM)	Wu
Wexler	Wilson (OH)	Wynn
Whitfield	Wolf	Yarmuth
Wicker	Woolsey	Young (FL)

## NOT VOTING—6

Clarke	Davis, Jo Ann	Johnson, Sam
Crenshaw	Faleomavaega	Young (AK)

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

The CHAIRMAN (during the vote). Members are advised less than 1 minute remains in this vote.

□ 2221

So the amendment was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The CHAIRMAN. There being no further amendments, under the rule, the Committee rises.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. McNULTY) having assumed the chair, Mr. BECERRA, chairman of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, reported that that committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3161) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes, pursuant to House Resolution 599, he reported the bill, as amended by that resolution, back to the House with sundry further amendments adopted by the Committee of the Whole.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the rule, the previous question is ordered.

Is a separate vote demanded on any further amendment reported from the Committee of the Whole? If not, the Chair will put them en gros.

The amendments were agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

## MOTION TO RECOMMIT OFFERED BY MR. LEWIS OF CALIFORNIA

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I offer a motion to recommit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is the gentleman opposed to the bill?

Mr. LEWIS of California. In its present form, I am.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the motion to recommit.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. LEWIS of California moves to recommit the bill, H.R. 3161, to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House promptly with an amendment that:

(1) Prohibits any funds in the act (including grant funds) from being used to employ an alien who is not authorized to be employed in the United States; and

(2) Prohibits any funds in the act for rental housing assistance programs to provide assistance to an alien not authorized to receive such assistance pursuant to 213A of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from California is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, before going to the business at hand, let me say to my colleagues that that moment of silence earlier was something that each of us should take home with us in our hearts this evening. That which has happened in Minnesota is an obvious tragedy to the people affected, those who lost their lives, those who were injured, and, indeed, those we don't know about.

In turn, it is a reflection of the reality that across the country we have infrastructure exactly like that in Minnesota that we should all try to raise in terms of the priority of our attention. Indeed, that kind of crisis will come again, and we need to pay attention to it soon.

Mr. Speaker, with that, this motion to recommit would send the bill back to the committee and report the bill back promptly with an amendment that prohibits any funds in this act from being used to employ a person who is not authorized to be employed in this country and prohibits funds from being used for rental housing assistance to a person who is not authorized to receive such assistance.

There is nothing, Mr. Speaker, there is nothing dilatory about this motion. This is not a political piece of chicanery. It only requires that funds in this act be implemented in accordance with the current law and to ensure that sufficient diligence be employed by the USDA and its partners to ensure that these current requirements are followed.

Mr. Speaker, we cannot afford to be allocating funds and subsidizing individuals who are not in our country legally.

Similar amendments have been adopted in several appropriations bills passed by the House this year. Had there been regular order on this bill, I am sure they would have been adopted on this bill as well, that is, those individuals who would suggest that we should not have people who are not legally in this country being subsidized.

Now, you are going to hear from my friends on the other side of the aisle that this will kill the bill. That is absolutely not the case. As has been demonstrated by their actions today, they can go to committee, pass these amendments, and then waive procedural issues to bring this bill back to the floor tomorrow.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members to vote "aye" on this motion to recommit.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the motion to recommit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Connecticut is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to oppose this motion for several reasons, not the least of which is that it derails the bill. There is one word in this motion, "promptly," which, as my colleagues know, takes the bill from the

floor without reaching the question of passage.

Let me also add a critical point and be very clear: There are no funds in this bill which would authorize any actions for illegal aliens; not for rural housing, not for employment, not for any of the activities funded under this bill.

The President today accused the Congress of stalling on appropriations bills, yet that is exactly what you are doing with this motion. You are adding to the delay with a motion that means nothing.

As I have said earlier today during debate, this bill is the product of good, bipartisan cooperation and the result of many, many months of hard work; from hearings, to the subcommittee mark and up through the full committee. This bill strengthens rural America, it protects our public health, it improves nutrition in this Nation, it transforms our energy future, it supports conservation, it invests in research and it enhances all of society. We have every reason to move forward on this bill tonight.

Let me take the time to say thank you to the chair of the committee, Mr. OBEY; yes, to the ranking member, Mr. LEWIS; to the subcommittee ranking member, Mr. KINGSTON; to the staff, Martha Foley, Leslie Barrack, Diem-Linh Jones, Adrienne Simonson, Kelly Wade, Brian Ronholm, Ashley Turton, Leticia Mederos; on the Republican side, Martin Delgado, David Gibbons, Jamie Swafford, Merritt Myers, Meg Gilley; and on our side again, Rob Nabors, John Daniel, David Reich, Lesley Turner. They did incredible work to make sure that this bill got passed.

□ 2230

Let me just say to you now that I have had a lot of Members who have come up to tell me that they will vote for whichever side stops talking first. So with that, I end my remarks. Defeat this motion to recommit and pass this bill.

Mr. Chairman, I yield back the balance of my time.

## PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRIES

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman may state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Is the vote that is about to occur a 15-minute vote or a 5-minute vote?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. It will be a 15-minute vote.

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Further parliamentary inquiry. Would it be in order to ask a unanimous consent request to make it a 5-minute vote?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair cannot entertain that request without proper notice. Proper notice has not been given.

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Further parliamentary inquiry. What would constitute proper notice?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All Members would have to be given adequate notice.